

GUNS

COVID, FIREARMS, & SUICIDE

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WE BUY GUNS

Single Gun or Entire Collection

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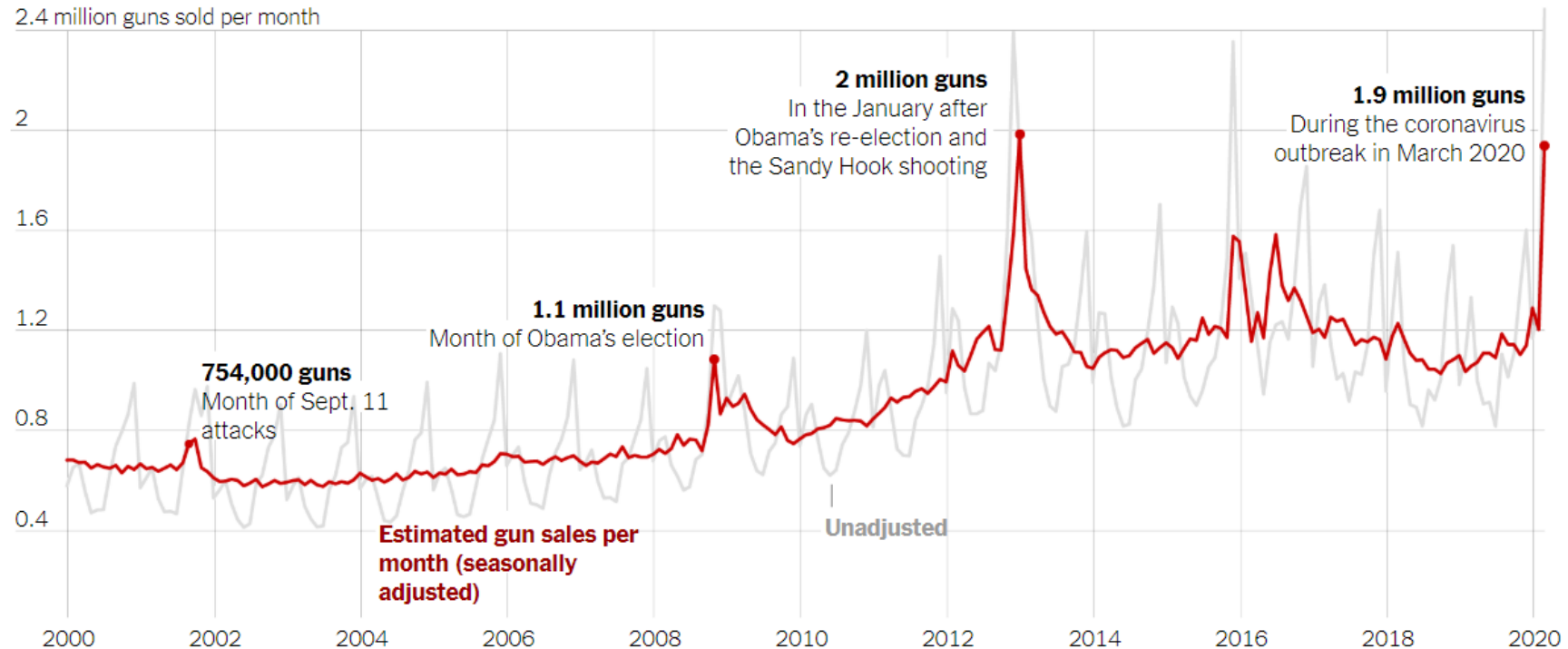


2.5 MILLION GUNS SOLD IN MARCH, 2020 (85% INCREASE)

The New York Times

About 2 Million Guns Were Sold in the U.S. as Virus Fears Spread

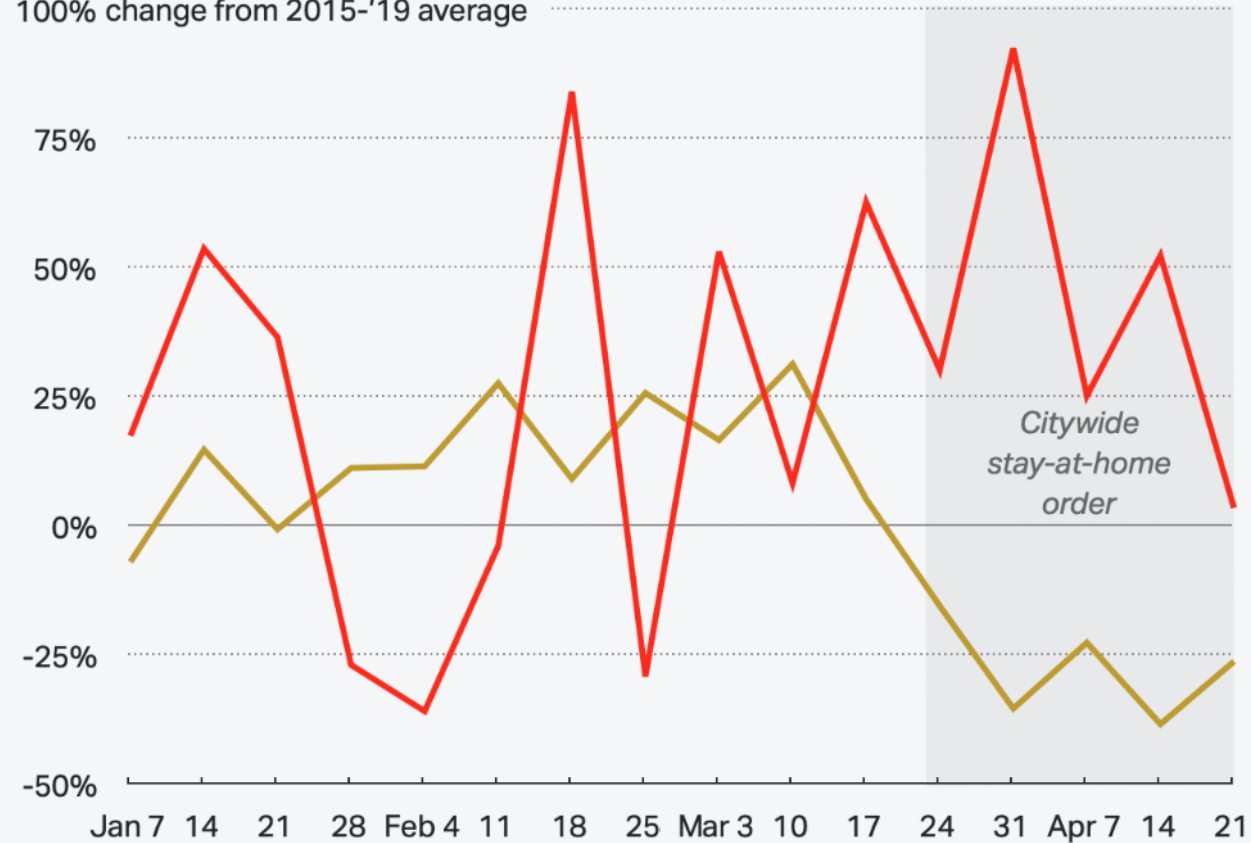
By Keith Collins and David Yaffe-Bellany April 1, 2020



Shootings Have Spiked in Philadelphia This Spring

Levels of **gun violence** and **other violent crime** in Philadelphia.

100% change from 2015-'19 average



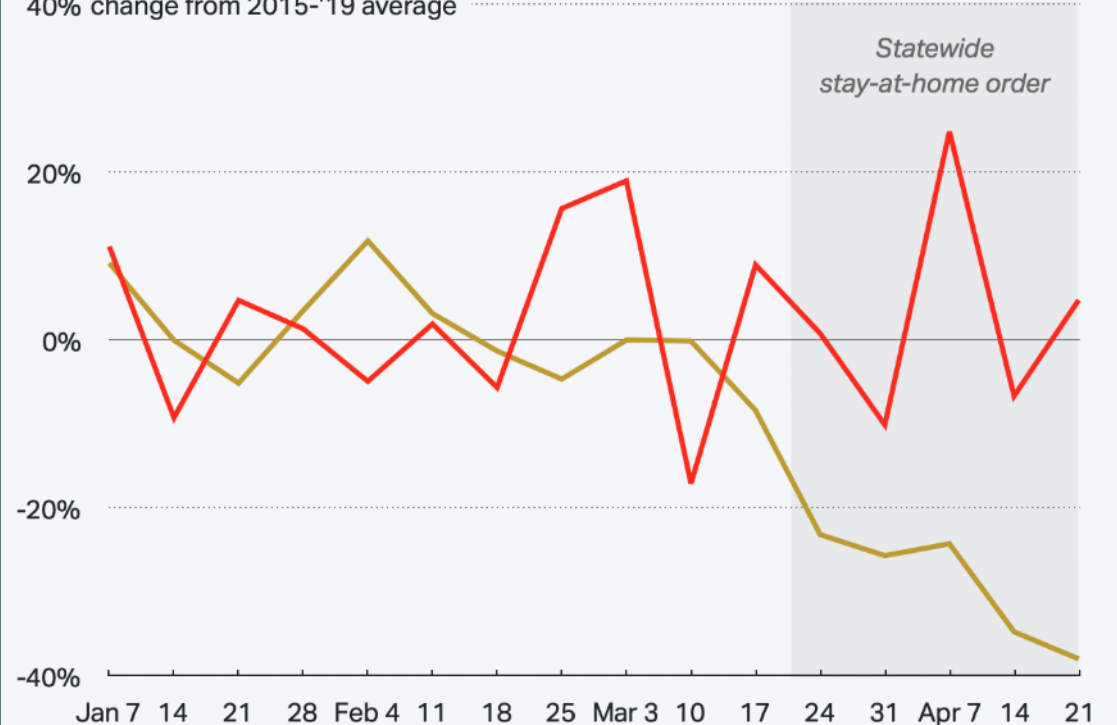
Percentages indicate 2020 weekly incident totals compared to the average of the corresponding week in 2015 through 2019. Violent crime includes all incidents classified as homicide, aggravated assault, rape, or robbery.

Source: Philadelphia Police Department. Graphic: Daniel Nass / The Trace.

Despite Lockdown, Gun Violence Has Increased in Chicago

Levels of **gun violence** and **other violent crime** in Chicago.

40% change from 2015-'19 average

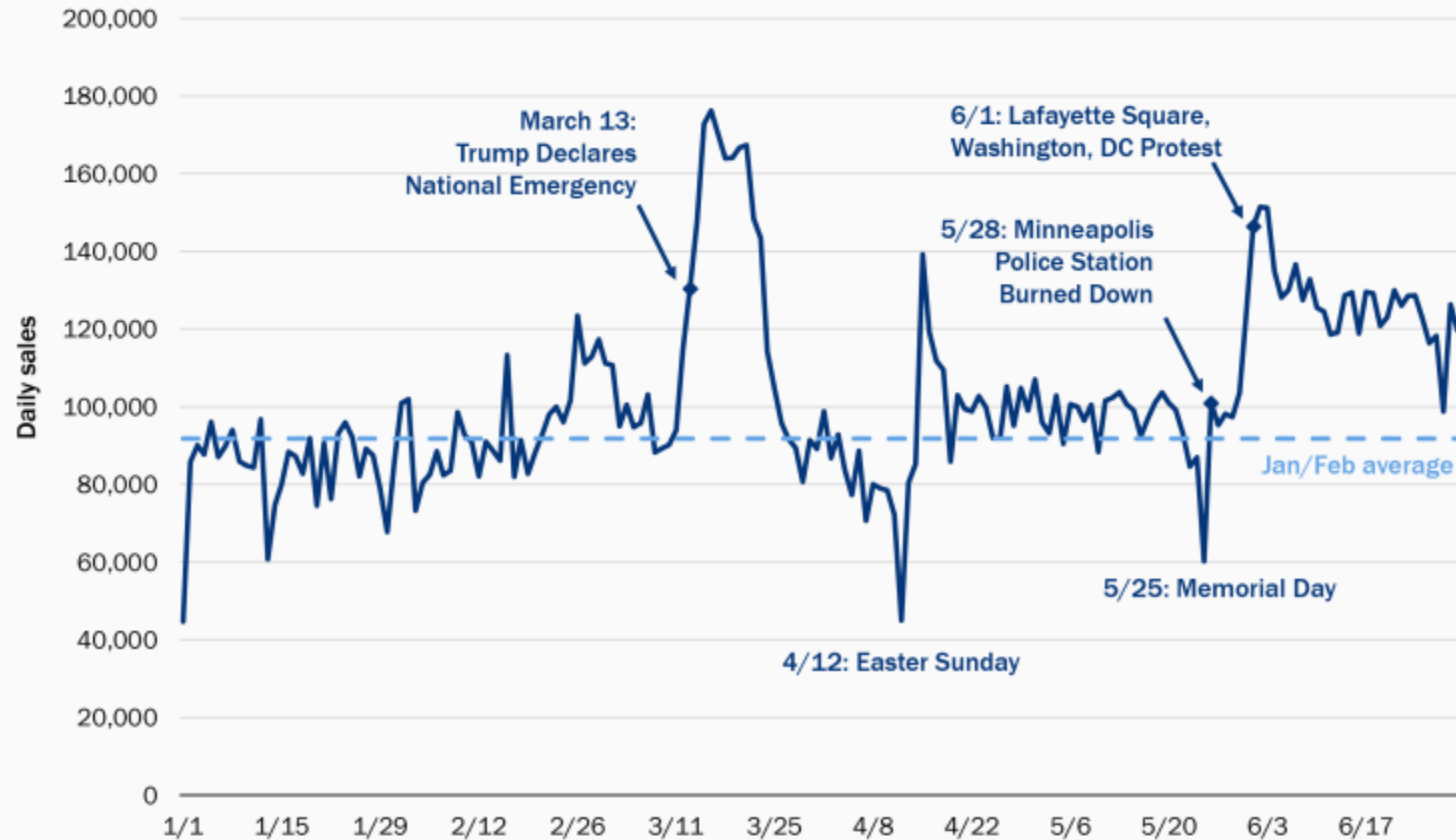


Percentages indicate 2020 weekly incident totals compared to the average of the corresponding week in 2015 through 2019. Gun violence totals include non-firearm homicides. Violent crime includes incidents classified as aggravated assault, rape, or robbery.

Source: Chicago Police Department. Graphic: Daniel Nass / The Trace.

Daily Firearm Sales, January–June 2020

2.61 million sold in July 2020



Source: Authors' calculations based on data from the NICS database on background checks conducted.

Note: Data are adjusted for normal fluctuations by day of week.

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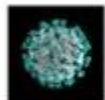
Suicide Mortality and Coronavirus Disease 2019— A Perfect Storm?

- Stress, financial stressors, substance abuse
- Firearm access increases risk
- Mitigating factors:
 - More open discussion of mental health
 - Purpose/resiliency

Top E.R. Doctor Who Treated Virus Patients Dies by Suicide

“She tried to do her job, and it killed her,” said the father of Dr. Lorna M. Breen, who worked at a Manhattan hospital hit hard by the coronavirus outbreak.





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Coronavirus Fears Have Produced A Lot Of New Gun Owners — And Safety Concerns

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Firearm sales have surged in Colorado over the past few months. / Riflezone Shooting, Training & Retail Center

Op-Ed: COVID-19, Colorado Firearm Suicides and Lessons for First-Time Gun Owners

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COVID-19 has upended daily routines and brought anxiety, fear and uncertainty. In Colorado and across the nation, it also brought a surge in firearm purchases — often, anecdotally, by first-time gun owners. We should know: Some of our coalition members are proud owners of Denver-area gun shops and understand that some first-time gun owners may be less experienced with firearm ownership best practices.

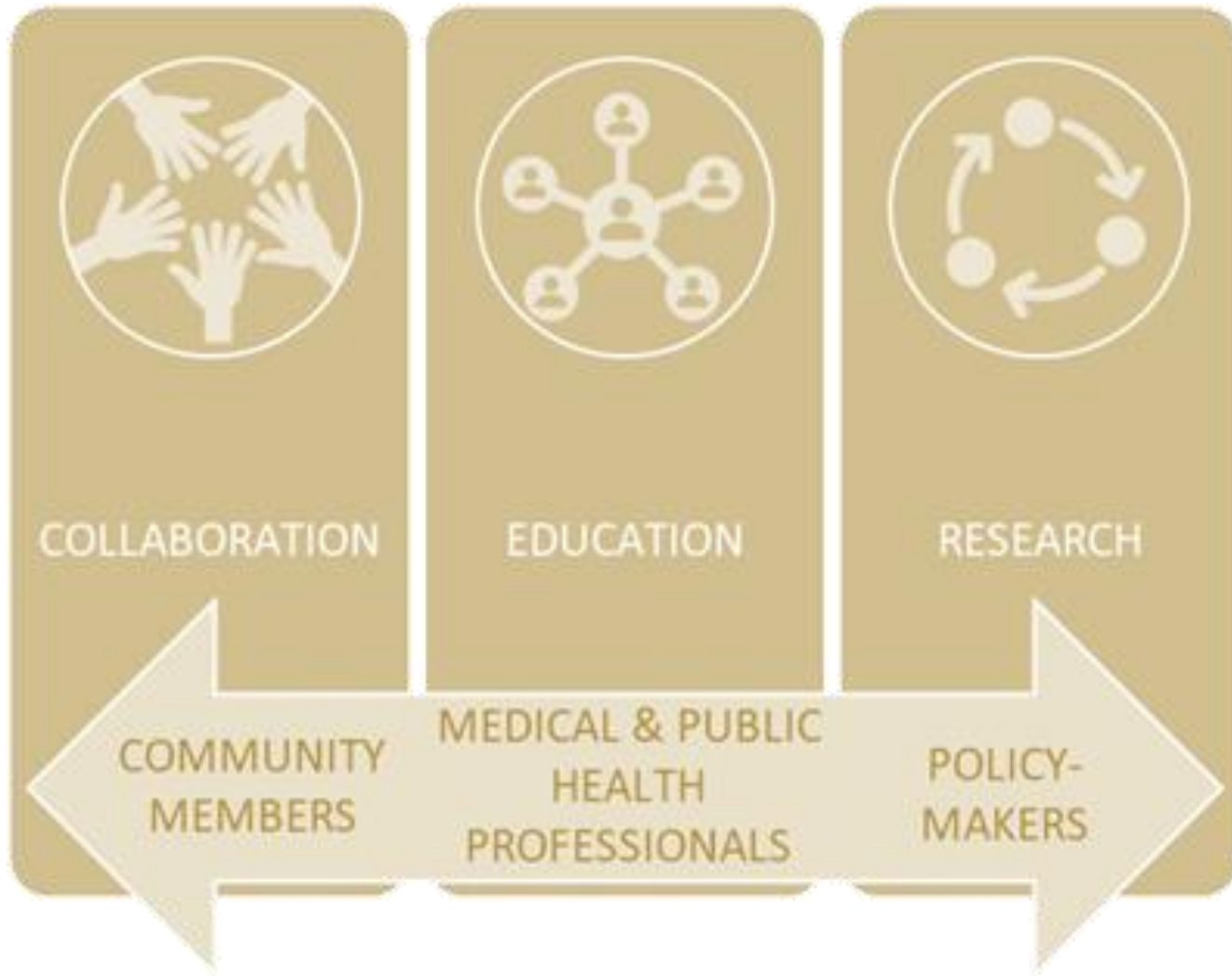
To new gun owners, we ask: "What now?" Owning a firearm brings responsibilities, including obtaining training in safe handling and ensuring





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We are a group of gun shop owners, firearm trainers, and public health researchers who came together with a shared goal of educating firearm retailers, range employees, and the general public about suicide prevention and firearm safety.



FIREARM INJURY PREVENTION INITIATIVE



<https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/emergency-medicine/research/labs/firearm-injury-prevention-initiative-betz>